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**FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURT CLERK
SENTENCED FOR IDENTITY THEFT**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that Leederson McGHEE II, 37, of Los Angeles, was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. in Sacramento in connection with his use of personal identification information obtained in the course of his former employment as a clerk with the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Documents filed in the case indicate that McGHEE pled guilty on July 18, 2003, to one count of conspiring to commit fraud with stolen identification information in violation, and one count of misprision of a felony. According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, McGHEE in his plea of guilty admitted to providing identification information from Los Angeles County Superior Court databases for unlawful use and fraud. McGHEE used his position to obtain victim names, dates of birth, social security numbers, and other identification information so that such information could be fraudulently used in the purchase of real and personal property by McGHEE and his conspirators. McGHEE was also convicted of misprision of a felony for his knowledge of co-conspirators' possession of a stolen U.S. Treasury check valued at over \$3.8 million.

McGHEE, who is cooperating with the United States in the continuing prosecution of others in the matter, was sentenced to 30 days federal incarceration, followed by 6 months at a Community Corrections Center in Los Angeles County. After completion of his 7 months of federal confinement, McGHEE will be on probation for 5 years. Also as part of his federal sentence, McGHEE was ordered to pay restitution to the victims of his federal crimes.

In a related case, Judge Burrell also sentenced Judy Rocca GRAFTON, 47, of San Bernardino, California, today to five years probation including six months of home confinement. According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rodriguez, GRAFTON was a notary public operating in San Bernardino County and the greater Los Angeles area, who admitted to fraudulently notarizing real property escrow documents in furtherance of the conspirators' identity theft schemes. As part of her plea agreement, GRAFTON must surrender her notary license, and will be barred from working as a notary public.

The McGHEE and GRAFTON cases are related to a series of prosecutions that resulted from a joint investigation undertaken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Secret Service, and the Sacramento County High Tech Crimes Task Force.

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